# Droytwich CASE.

KING *John* Granted to the Burgeſſes of *Droytwich* and their Heirs, the Salt Springs there, rendring the yearly Fee Farm Rent of 100 *l. Sterling*, and the Salt Water hath ever ſince been divided into Four Hundred and Four Shares called *Bulleries*.

The Grantees of King *John* and their Heirs have aliened and ſold their whole inheritance in the Salt Springs to ſeveral perſons, who at this day ſtand ſeized in Fee of the ſame, and pay the Fee Farm Rent according to their reſpective Shares, and from the time of King *John's* Grant, to the Reign of Queen *Mary* the Inheritors of the Salt Springs govern'd the ſame, and were deemed Burgeſſes of *Droytwich*, and whoever ſold his Inheritance, ceaſed to be a Burgeſs.

Queen *Mary* Incorporated the Burrough of *Droytwich*, by the Name of Bailiffs and Burgeſſes, but takes no notice of the Salt Works, nor is there any Order, or Direction given by King *John*'s Grant, or any ſubſequent Charter for the Governing, or Managing thereof.

There are but Nine Perſons who inhabit within the Burrough of *Droytwich*, who with the Aſſiſtance of thirteen others, they have admitted into the Corporation, pretend to the Power of Governing, Managing, and taxing the Inheritance in the Salt Springs at pleaſure; excluding the real Owners thereof from Voting, or Acting therein.

And altho the Proprietors of the Salt Springs are undoubtedly Burgeſſes of *Droytwich*, and conſequently Members of the Corporation; yet by this Bill they do not ſeek any relief therein, but only that they may have a Vote in the Managing and Taxing of their own Eſtates.

It is alledged the preſent Members of the Corporation of *Drotwich* have 150 Shares in the Salt Springs.

Note, The Perſons following are Members of the Corporation, and have a Hundred and Twenty of the Hundred and Fifty, and are for paſſing the Bill.

Earl of *Shrewsbury*.
Lord *Coventry*.
Sir *John Pakington*.
Sir *Walter Blount*.
Sir *Thomas Cookes*.
Sir *John Talbot*.
Sir *Harry Conningsby*.
*Edmund Wyld*, Eſq;
*John Winford*, Eſq;
*Robert Steynor*, Eſq;
*John Newport*, Eſq;
*Thomas Lench*, Eſq;
Mr. *Thomas Raſtel*.
Mr. *Joſ Butler*.

The Perſons who Oppoſe paſſing the Bill are Twenty two, of which number Twelve have only the bare Qualification of a Pepper-corn; and the other Ten have 22 Shares and a half in the Salt Springs and no more.

The Remainder of the 404 Shares are given to Charitable Uſes, or veſted in Widows and Infants, or perſons who live far remote.

| | *Shares.* |
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| The Perſons above Named have | 120 |
| The Perſons who are excluded from Ordering and Managing their own Eſtates have | 174 |
| The Perſons for the Bill have | 294 |
| The Perſons who oppoſe the Bill | 22 and a half. |